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## ***LAGOPHYLLA RAMOSISSIMA*** **SLENDER HARELEAF**

Slender Hareleaf is an annual with simple or branched stems that are 10-60 cm high. The alternate, sessile, narrowly lance shaped, entire-margined leaves are 1-8 cm long, becoming smaller upward. Foliage is densely covered with short, white hair, especially above. Short-stalked flower heads are borne in small, loose clusters at the tips of branches that arise from the axils of the upper leaves. Each head has a single series of 5 narrowly lance-shaped involucral bracts that are covered with long hairs and stalked glands, each enclosing a 3-lobed, pale yellow ray that is 2-6 mm long. Each of the 6 yellow disk flowers is enveloped by a scale. The achenes are shiny black and naked on top. Flowering in July-August.

Species of *MADIA* are smaller and lack the long hairs on the involucre. Other annual members of the Asteraceae have more disk flowers or lack lobed rays. A hand lens and technical manual are needed for positive identification.